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**Increasing Activity Among
the Insurgents.**

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**The Spaniards Preparing  
to do Something.**

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ANOTHER GUSHING PROCLAMATION.

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The steamship Eagle, Captain Green, from Havana the 18th, arrived at this port yesterday with latest mail news. The purser will receive our thanks for favors received.

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The Fighting at Nogote—The Spaniards

Making No Headway—Continuation of Landing—Details of the Insurrection—Re-mored Capture of a Mexican Man-of-War
HAYANA, Dec. 18, 1909.

It is evident that the insurgents in the jurisdiction of Santiago de Cuba are fighting with more obstinacy and success than they have since the war began. Indeed, the Spaniards seem to make no headway against them there, notwithstanding the

of repeated boasts of victories and the consequent closing up of the insurrection. They succeeded after a hard struggle in gaining possession of one point in the extended line of fortifications known as the Mogote, but held it only a few days, and retired just as the insurgents were reinforced by 2,000 men, who

without the firing of a shot, recaptured the positions which their enemies had captured with so much blood and treasure. A private letter from Santiago de Cuba confirms these facts, only expressing the opinion that the "Mogotes" has been occupied by the Spanish troops in no part. As says the letter, "it is stated that the troops have fallen back on St. Luis, but though it is evident some movement

The week just passed has not been prolific of incident. The chiefs and officers of the Catalan volunteers who arrived on the 16th have been duly fettered by the Spanish force has taken place, not understood, this is not credited." The letter also confirms the landing at the mouth of the Baconno river. The fever had broken out in epidemic form among the regiment recently arrived, called the Marine Infantry, and the deaths were numerous.

The First battalion of Havana volunteers has gone to the Pinar del Rio to relieve the Second, which for the past thirty days has been recreating amid the canefields of that agreeable locality. It has done no fighting, but has signalized its stay there by shooting ten men charged with the assassination of

Two local volunteers some time since. The paper here simply mentions the affair without giving any particulars—always a suspicious circumstance in Spanish journalism when an shooting has been going on. The following details have been turned out here:—Twenty men of the town of San Luis, in the Yucata Abasco, were arrested charged with the murder mentioned. On investigation the proof was rather conclusive, brought again to the surface. The commander of the town informed that if he did not find out who were the murderers he would shoot them all, and in accordance with the threat, he ordered an execution to be made.

behind a wall. By orders the soldiers fired at their heads, leaving the impression with the others who heard the shots, that they had been killed. Another four were taken in the same manner, while some of the remainder declared they were not going to be shot for a crime they were not guilty of, as so testified against ten of the party, who were still in reality.

The segunda Cabo, General Carbo, from the Cin Villas, telegraphs of one or two encounters and the insurgents in considerable numbers are presenting themselves. The insurgents recently attacked a small town, Minas, in Santa Espritu. They were driven out, but it has been thought necessary to send an additional force there, and the volunteers of San tander, recently arrived, left for that point on the morning of the 10th.

A letter from Trinidad the 15th says:—"Afaire unique much the same in this locality, worse if it

At a meeting of the planners, which took place at the gubernatorial palace on the 15th, a proposal

The following disposition has been made of local prisoners:—Sent to Ceiba, D. Pedrito Mari obliged to change residence in island, D. José Luis Lima; placed at liberty, D. Juan Valdes, Tomás Garcia.

A Sagua paper has a story of a Mexican man War being captured off St. Jorge de Cuba by the I. nando el Catolico. The former, fired into the I. nando, as says the account, but the return fire damaged his machinery, and he was taken, with his hands. The story, although very glib, is out of the nation the steamer, Mariano, mentioned a previous letter. A commission from various parts of the Cinco Villas has arrived here to do honor General Lesca prior to his departure for Spain.

Arrival of Volunteers—Sickness Decreasing—Preparations for the Forthcoming Campaign—Expected Visit of the Captain General—General Paez's Proclamation.

NUEVITAS, Dec. 16, 1860

Since my last nothing has been done in the way of fighting in this vicinity. The "Battalion Voluntarios de Madrid" arrived here on the 5th and

The 7th left in the train for Puerto Principe. At latter city and environs nothing of particular interest was observed. Sickness is somewhat increasing, and active preparations are being made to commence a vigorous crusade against the insects as soon as sufficient numbers of fresh troops arrive. General Puelco, commanding in this department, recently made a tour of inspection to the various departments along the railroad, arriving at the station at Puerto Principe, arriving at the station, and resounding the cannon, Prince

Preparations are being made to receive the main general for Kodas both here and at Puerto Rico, former saying that he contemplates an official visit to this interesting department.

No preparations whatever are being made on any of the estates in this vicinity for the present crop and, undoubtedly, not a hog-head of sugar will be exported, as was the case last year.

It is interesting to note that the first arrival by General Butler's train was a general of the army.

new campaign, which I endorse. I am, of course, very anxious to see the campaign proceed as rapidly as possible.

PROCLAMATION OF EUSEBIO TUTILO, COMMANDER IN CHIEF, CENTRAL DEPARTMENT.

TO THE PEOPLE, THE ARMY AND THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE CENTRAL DEPARTMENT.

SPANIARDS.—Operations have begun. The enemy, had almost arrived at San Cristobal. The enemy, had almost broken through the defenses of San Cristobal. We have been fighting for the last six months and while encouraged them in this department, it is necessary to pursue severely.

The division under my command having been recuperated, we will be able to continue the fight.

The people will receive from my authority all the

A Reminiscence of "the Knights of the G Circle"—A New York Firm Gulled by

In the fore part of July, 1963, when the war raged in the South, a man at Hionville, Ind., signed himself as "H. Sam Bright," secreted some Union organization there, wrote on to Me Co., 251 Broadway, dealers in firearms, stating the Union men in and around Hiontsville vs. rather a dangerous position owing to hostile attitude assumed towards them.

"the Knights of the Golden Circle" other kindred spirits, and requested that the value of \$245 should be forwarded at once to be used in purchasing uniforms and equipment for the weapons were signed, and it now appears to have been a mythical character secretary of an organization of Union men at Erie, and he stated that cash would be paid for on delivery. In obedience to this order the were forwarded, packed in the usual way marked "C. O. D." On their arrival, howev

such man as "Mr. H. Sam Bright" be found, and the pistols lay at the warehouse for several days, at the expiration of which a letter was placed in the Post Office addressed "Mr. H. Sam Bright" and mailed. The letter was from a gentleman. The agent of the company, at Vincennes, then opened the box, and lo! in the pistols they discovered nothing but straw and within. On this state of facts plaintiffs now recover from the company the value of the pistols.

It was contended, on the part of the defense,

Judge Ingraham, however, took the opposite of the case, and ordered a verdict for the plaintiff the sum of \$333.92.